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### **HOPI CALENDAR** Ösömuyaw (March)

### The Moon of Whistling Winds

Mar Ösömuyaw

Kwiyamuyaw May Hakitonmuyaw June Woko'uyis Tala'Kyelmuyaw Aug Tala'Paamuyaw Nasanmuyaw Sep Oct Angakmuyaw Nov TömöKyelmuyaw Dec Kyaamuyaw Jan Tömö'Paamuyaw Powamuyaw

#### THIS MONTH IN **HOPI HISTORY**

- AD 1250: Drought caused abandonment of cliff dwellings in Mesa Verde and Tsegi Canyon.
- AD 1276-1299: Great Drought during this time caused 36 to 47 Hopi pueblos to be abandoned.
- 1866-67; During severe smallpox epidemic, Hopis lived at Zuni Pueblo

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# **Update on First Mesa Erosion and Polacca Wash Flooding**

By: Wilber Kaye, Staff Assistant First Mesa Consolidated Villages

iment buildup in the wash.

https://youtu.be/Fxb5Mp25Mdc

have already been taken down. There are of mutual benefit." (2015) has been no public meetings and tion; short-term and long-term.

DNR are PL93-638 contracted depart- ing. ments which should have specific roles news detail T6 R54.php

First Mesa Consolidated Villages of function, personnel, and scientific ex-(FMCV) is still in the process of identiperts. The Hopi Tribe Government Orfying resources for geological studies ganizational Chart and Policy Statement, of the mesa and the Polacca Wash. The Page 12, states, "6. Department of floods of 2022 demonstrated the need Natural Resources - The Department for a study of the root cause of the sed- of Natural Resources provides environmental stewardship through responsible FMCV has attempted to meet with management and development of the the entities involved since the Execu- natural, cultural, and biological retive Order dated August 17, 2022, was sources of Hopitutskwa for the benefit of implemented. FMCV has been denied current and future generations of the access to the ongoing plans and has Hopi/Tewa Senom. The primary funcbeen excluded from all meetings relat- tion is to provide technical assistance, ed to the flooding. The result of those training and direct services to land users, meetings, the HESCO solution, was villages, communities, schools, other marginal at best. See YouTube video: tribal departments and programs and to coordinate, cooperate and collaborate on Most residents in the area refused natural resources, cultural resources, the barriers and some that were put up environmental projects and issues that

Unfortunately, the Hopi Tribe DNR stakeholders have not been contacted does not have expert professionals to for "future endeavors." FMCV would provide technical assistance or perlike to pick up where the work left off form the comprehensive studies needfor a complete and comprehensive ed to develop a feasibility plan. This study of the environmental impacts; applies to both the Polacca Wash and short-term and long-term, and mitiga- First Mesa erosion. We are continuing to seek additional resources and are FMCV has sought to identify the ser- confident we will obtain assistance in vices the Hopi Tribe offers, specifically achieving our goals. Please refer to the from the Department of Natural Re- Winslow Levee Project. These tasks are sources (DNR). The departments within comparable in scope, time, and fundhttps://www.winslowaz.gov/



Standing water indicates dense saturation



East side— Sediment level filled up to bridge

More PHOTOS on P2

### Former Navajo **Nation** President Peterson Zah Dead at the Age of 85



Remembering Peterson Zah, former Chairman and President of Navajo Nation

#### Louella N. Furcap, the Village Crier Editor First Mesa Consolidated Villages

Peterson Zah, who was the last elected Chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council elected in 1982 and the first elected President of the Navajo Nation in 1990 after the tribe reorganized its government, died on Tuesday, March 8 at the Tsehootsoi Medical Center in Ft. Defiance, Arizona after a lengthy

Zah was born in 1937 in Keams Canyon, Arizona. He attended the local elementary schools, the Phoenix Indian School and later Phoenix College and ASU.

After serving his presidency for the Navajo Nation, Zah went to work at Arizona State University, serving as Advisor to the ASU President and assisting and advocating for Native American students.

During his time as Navajo President, he worked in conjunction with former Hopi Tribal Chairman Ivan L Sidney, Sr. who also served as Advisor to the NAU President. Zah and Sidney were close friends and became adopted brothers.

Sidney was one of the speakers at Zah's funeral services held in Window Rock, AZ on Saturday, March 11. His burial services were held in Low Mountain, AZ earlier in the morning.



L-R: former Navajo Nation President Peterson Zah, United States President Ronald Reagan, Hopi Chairman Ivan Sidney

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No Cash Payments will be Accepted

# Water Operations Update and Status Report of Pending Agreement with the Hopi Utility Corporation

By: Ivan L. Sidney, Village Administrator First Mesa Consolidated Villages

relating to public water safety for human having future personal consequences. consumption.

continue these discussions.

First Mesa ownership of village lands is

Hopi Tribal Council has now assumed au- be unable to afford the new rates. thority of all Hopi Village Lands. The action of the Tribal Council must be correct- water may not be allowable to customers

ing agreement with the Hopi Utility Au- gally considered. In other words, the ac- business practice by current businesses, thority after completing the Hopi Arsenic ceptance of the agreement is held hostage such as: APS, HTI, Cellular companies, Mitigation Project (HAMP) construction by the gross violation of the Hopi Tribal Banks, Propane companies, etc. and establishing the cost rate for water. Council. Hopi Lands will always remain This water meets the federal arsenic laws sacred, and its violations are unacceptable so be determined since no meters were

The Hopi Tribe received an EPA federal were in hopes that water consumption by pressurization of lines to deliver water. For grant for the construction but was not dis- customers would be according to the newly years we have reported to our community closed to the village was an additional loan installed water meters. This would allow that FMCV solely subsidizes the insuffirequired for completion of the project. At each household to know how many gallons cient water cost budget. the onset of this project, our leaders did are used and the possible costs could also not support a loan to be added to the water be estimated. Training was requested in the three villages with no takers to date. payments by village customers. This loan early December 2022 but the company to The Water Program was recently offered to payment estimate was included at a cost of provide the training was not available. HUC and they would not reply. Complain-\$90.00 per month, per household. Also, They are now ready to schedule this train- ing is far easier than taking over the 24/7 HUC required the term of the agreement ing for our water program staff, with an operations that are costly and heavily regufor 40 years to pay off the loan and includ- additional cost to FMCV. A company will lated by EPA laws. ed the budget required for its operations, compute the monthly meter readings and No meetings have been held recently to immediately provide billing statements to leaders will continue to strive for improvecustomers for payment.

protected by its self-government and the Utility Corporation are accepted, it will be and practices. Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi a higher amount and FMCV will be billed Tribe. A major violation occurred when the the amount of gallons placed in our storage Grover, left our office two years ago and Hopi Tribal Council accepted the recom- tanks for distribution to customers. The was recently re-hired to assist with our immendation of its Assistant General Counsel years of unpaid water payment by our cusprovement plans. She will focus on the imgiving approval for use of First Mesa lands. tomers has resulted in large amounts of mediate training of our meter system and This approval is unacceptable to our tra-delinquent payments. These delinquencies will provide updated information to our ditional leadership which is an infraction of can no longer be allowed to provide pay- delinquent customers. This will allow us to its religious authority and responsibility as ments to the HUC billings. If customers are eliminate the delinquent payment accountdesignated stewards of village land by the unable to pay at the current rate of \$35 per ing record before the implementation of creator. This creates a precedent that the month, it is possible some households will our proposed new rates. As stated earlier,

According to proper business practices, ceptable business practice.

The following is the status of our pend- ed to have the terms of the agreement le- with bad credit history. This is a standard

The cost for water on the mesa must alplaced at the homes. The higher cost to de-In the meantime, our water operations liver water to the higher elevation requires

The Water Program has been offered to

Our commitment to our traditional ments to streamline the current operations Whenever rates required by the Hopi under strict business operations policies

> A long-time employee, Ms. Sharon non-payments will no longer be an ac-





Cracking along incinerator pad



Asphalt fill compressing near Komalestewa's residence



**Cracking covered** 

# **Hopi Tribal Council February 2023 Report**

By: Councilman Wallace Youvella, Jr. **Representing the First Mesa Consolidated Villages** 

#### **Hopi Tribal Council:**

- Hopi Tribal Council was recessed for the month of February with the exception of Feb. 21 & 22.
- Two Action Items were introduced and passed, they are:
- ♦ AI #027-2023 To approve resolution to Northern Arizona Council of Governments - assistance with funding for two projects, HIR 2(12) Kachina Point Rd and HIR 500 (1) Hotevilla/Bacavi
- ♦ AI #029-2023 Resolution authorizing Hopi Utility Corporation to apply for the U.S. Dept. of Energy Powering Unelectrified Tribal Building(s) - 2022 grant, in order to fund a solar and battery storage micro grid at the Side Rock well site.

#### **Investment Oversight Standing Committee** (IOSC):

- Did not meet in the month of Feb., however the subcommittees of the IOSC did continue to meet.
- The subcommittee tasked with assisting the Moenkopi Developers Corporation (MDC) completed their task, in the Hopi Tribal Council (HTC) directed sixty (60) days. A proposal developed by MDC, with recommendations by the subcommittee, is prepared to make a presentation to the Hopi Tribal Council in March. It is appreciated that the MDC group and subcommittee allowed for various meetings each week. These discussions are due to MDC requesting a restructure of the loan afforded to MDC by the Hopi Tribe.
- The subcommittee tasked with working on a Management Agreement with the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation is prepared to present a proposal to the Hopi Tribal Council. The proposal is in the form of an Action Item/Resolution. The proposed Management Agreement is a short term

agreement of three (3) years.

- Due to many villages re-engaging in ceremonies,
   The Team working on the Basalt Rebar Manufacturing proposal continued meetings during February and hopes to make a presentation in April. Negotiations regarding liability and finances are progressing, albeit, at a pace slower than anticipated.
  - The IOSC is still on the HTC agenda to present a Draft Investment Policy for approval consideration in March.

#### **Transportation Task Team:**

- February's meeting was canceled due to the Transportation Team attending a two-day Hopi/Navajo Partnership meeting in Moencopi. Attendees included representatives from the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- The Hopi/Navajo Partnership meeting entailed discussion on various roadways that lay on the border between the Hopi and Navajo Nations. Points of discussion included:
  - ♦ Right of Way
- ♦ Maintenance
- ♦ Funding
- **♦ New Construction**
- ♦ Public Input
- ♦ Road Closures and possible re-routing of certain roads.
- ♦ Etc.
- Northern Arizona Council of Government TSC meeting
  - ♦ NACOG area, which is basically Northern Arizona, has about 3 times more vehicle crashes than the Arizona average. This is due mostly to rural road travel, inclement weather, etc.
  - ♦ In rural areas, it is advised that the best way to boost seat belt use is through education, especially in rural areas.

- ♦ Due to a possible looming recession, Arizona Transportation funding is expected to decline in the next few years.
- ♦ The Hopi Tribe, through Arizona HB2543 sponsored by Az. State Rep. Dunn (R), was able to include funding for the Kachina Point Rd., HIR 2 and Hotevilla/Bacavi Streets (500). In the next few years, more funding will be aggressively sought for Hopi roadways via the State.
- Hopi Dept. of Transportation/Arizona Dept. of Transportation Partnership meeting
  - ♦ Chip Seal project from State Hwy 87 to Polacca is expected to begin weather permitting.
  - ♦ A highway Life Extension project on State Hwy 264, from the Oraibi Bridge to the Coconino County Line (mile markers 359.5 to 373.5) is expected to start weather permitting.
  - ♦ The Lighting project, on State Hwy 264, at the Hopi Cultural Center was halted earlier but is expected to resume in the next few months.
  - ♦ Construction at the Teas Toh Bridge, on State Hwy 87, is set to begin in March.
  - ♦ A sewer leak concern in Polacca at mile marker 391.6 is being addressed as it concerns ADOT. Mr. Ed. Wilson is communicating with Jacob Hess in how ADOT needs to assist.
  - ♦ Rep. Raymond Namoki who also sits on the Hopi Law and Order Committee will address the need for crash data to be shared with ADOT. This will increase the availability of funds and also address problem areas of State Highways on the Hopi Nation.
- ♦ HDOT is requesting a Partnership Summit on Hopi.
- ♦ HIR-60 is to be added to the NACOG list for future funding.

#### **Gaming Committee:**

No quorum was attained.

# In re: Hopi Reservation HSR, Contested Case No. CV6417-203

#### In re Hopi Reservation HSR, Contested Case No. CV6417-203.

Closing arguments in the Hopi Tribe's future water use trial were held on September 30 and October 1, 2021. Shortly after, the parties in the Navajo Nation's contested case stipulated that the Navajo Nation should be decreed 3,000 acre-feet per year of water for livestock and wildlife consumption on the Little Colorado River Basin portion of the Navajo Reservation. The Hopi Tribe conditioned its approval of the Navajo stipulation on receiving similar treatment. The parties agreed that Hopi should be decreed 824 acre-feet per year of water for livestock and wildlife on the Hopi Reservation. The Special Master approved both stipulations on March 30, 2022.

On May 25, 2022, the Special Master issued her Final Report and Recommended Decree for the Hopi Reservation and the Allotments. All active parties in Hopi's contested case, except for the Salt River Project, filed objections to the Final Report and Recommended Decree in November 2022. Both the Hopi and United States objections were each over 300 pages. Responses to objections are due in March 2023. At that point, the Final Report and Recommended Decree, along with the objections and responses filed by the active parties, will go to the Water Judge. The Water Judge will review the Final Report and objections thereto, and can either accept, reject, modify, or send issues back to the Special Master for further review and reconsideration.

#### In re Navajo Nation, Contested Case No. CV6417-300.

The parties are currently litigating Phase I of the Navajo Nation's contested case, which encompasses past, present, and future water uses for DCMI (domestic, commercial, municipal, and light industrial water uses), livestock, and stock ponds and impoundments on the LCR Basin portion of the Navajo Reservation. The parties have been conducting extensive discovery since late 2021. In 2022, the parties deposed over 70 lay and expert witnesses, involving over 450 exhibits, more than 50 of which are substantial expert reports. Discovery has also included multiple substantive legal motions, most involving oral argument before the Special Master. After pretrial motions are filed and resolved in early 2023, the trial on the Navajo Nation's Phase I claims is set to begin in April 2023. It is expected to last several weeks.

#### **Settlement Efforts.**

The COVID pandemic, the Navajo election, and the Colorado River crisis combined to inhibit and distract from settlement efforts in 2022. The Hopi Tribe's water settlement requirements have not changed since the Tribal Council's Water/Energy Committee reported to the Hopi Sinom via public meetings

in 2019 and a KUYI Forum in 2020, namely:

- Sufficient wet water to make the Hopi Reservation the permanent and economically prosperous homeland that Hopi is entitled to as a matter of federal law.
- Preservation and protection of the N Aquifer as a long-term water source for Hopi.
- Protection of culturally important springs.
- Prompt action to address Hopi's immediate water needs.
- A fair share of available Colorado River water for Hopi, including high priority Colorado River water made available by the closure of NGS.
- A fair share of C Aquifer water.
- The right for Hopi to cross Navajo land as necessary to bring off-Reservation water and infrastructure to Hopi, without the need for Hopi to pay Navajo for a right of way.
- Enough money from the United States to:
  - ♦ replace and upgrade Village water systems and infrastructure,
  - ♦ develop N Aquifer wells and pipelines to ensure that Moenkopi and First, Second, and Third Mesas have access to high quality, reliable water supply equivalent to that enjoyed by non-Indian Arizonans in metropolitan areas and in neighboring communities,
  - ♦ build a pipeline from the Colorado River or other off-Reservation sources of water to Hopi,
  - ♦ develop new D Aquifer wells to increase water for livestock and other needs, and
  - ♦ develop new water infrastructure for traditional and modern agriculture.
- Completion of the State land acquisition promised Hopi in the 1996 Settlement Act. Other Important Updates.

Special Master Susan Ward Harris has been the judicial officer adjudicating the Hopi Tribe's water claims since the trial on Hopi's past and present water uses in 2018. Special Master Harris is retiring soon. The Water Judge will appoint her successor. When Special Master Harris retires, the new Special Master will adjudicate the Navajo Nation's contested case.

The current Water Judge, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Mark Brain, is also rotating off of his duties as the Water Judge. The Arizona Supreme Court has appointed Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Scott Blaney to replace Judge Brain.

#### LAND COMMISSION FEBRUARY MEETING

#### By: Councilman Dale Sinquah Representing the First Mesa Consolidated Villages

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **a.** Status update on Upper Village of Moenkopi's request for land assignments Priscilla Pavatea/Edison Tu'tsi
- MS P. Pavatea discussed the Special Land use application and LC member commented on drive thru survey they conducted with the Moenkopi Reps and Governor.
- Discussion between DNR, LC, and IHS on several IHS water projects in Pasture Canyon. DNR Director Dr. Joseph commented there are some flood prone areas which DNR will proceed to identify and designate the areas which will affect use. She also put forth the concept of Co-Management of Pasture Canyon area due to its uniqueness.
- Land Commission, Water Energy Committee, Indian Health Services, Department of Natural Resources, Office of General Counsel, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, and Hopi Utilities will conduct a meeting March 16, 2023 at Upper Moenkopi Village Community Center concerning Side Rock Project, along with IHS projects, HUC's proposed micro grid grant, and Special land use application.
- **b.** Status update on well projects on Hopi Lands -Dale Sinquah/DNR/Chris Wolf/Thayne Lowe/Fred Lomayesva
- Chris Wolf reported that work has been delayed by about a month and well completion is targeted to happen April 2023. Delay is due to weather where equipment is being moved from California to Hopi New Lands.
- DNR departments commented their work is mostly complete and the remainder should make time line to complete the work.
- Reality verified if Resolution was passed for the wells and it was verified.
- Mr. C. Wolf is in the process of finishing contracts for drillers & earth work contractors. The contractors are currently working with TERO and Rev Commission memo or letter to TIPO Director needs to be written.
- Target date is end of March. Presently Chris W. is working with procurement and other depts. All clearances have been completed. CPO waiting on Prosperity well site road and area need to be surveyed, once roads have dried enough for travel.
- Mr. Thayne Lowe mentioned earth work needs to be completed on the road leading to Prosperity drill site. Drill pad need to done early March for Sunshine and Bluebird wells this will give crew time for Prosperity well. 3-4 weeks at each well.
- Special Land Use Assignment has been approved by AI 025-2023 on Jan 25, 2023. Moves onto Community Planning for construction permit.
- c. Update on Land Commission's thoughts on a Resolution done in Hopi language presented to Land Commission by

- Daryn Melvin & Troy Honanie Land Commission
- LC advised the group to arrange a time certain with Tribal Secretary to insure all their parties who will co-present are available. The group acknowledged that they would.
- LC previously met and discussed the Action Item/ Resolution and heard the recording and directed the Mr. D. Melvin and S. Koyiyumptewa to take this proposed AI/Resolution to the CRAT
- LC fully supports the reasons and concepts of AI/ Resolution written in the Hopi Language

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Joint W/EC & Land Commission meeting with Cibola Farmers and CRIT in Cibola – scheduled for March 3, 2023 ( TA's processed– Land Commission confirm for travel to attend the meetings) Secretary Nutumya provided an itemized list for LC and WEC members of their information needed to acquire a Travel Authorization (TA). She also asked for names of those who were not planning on attending as soon as possible so she can stop request for TA and cancel lodging reservations.
- **b.** Reschedule Annual meeting with CKP in Scottsdale Land Commission Travel March 30, 2023 and meeting on March 31, 2023.
- c. Inquiry from Michael Mullion on Rental refund of lease paid to Hopi on Farm Lands – Dale Singuah/ Thayne Lowe/Fred Lomayesva
- Mr. T. Lowe wrote email to Land/WEC requesting for refund to Michael Mullion for Farm Lease which he paid and Tribe has deposited his check.
- Thayne and Fred have worked on a formula for repayment using water usage as primary factor.
- Hopi terminated lease at Cibola: Mullion has paid lease for Jan-Mar
- Refund will be a prorated based on water usage.
- Mr. Mullion would like to discuss continuing a lease concerning a fallowing program offered by the USDA to preserve land for potential cotton farming
- Rep. D. Sinquah pointed out this leads to the importance of meeting with CRIT to get informed by their Farm Manager. Hopi needs to be aware of the stipulations of fallowing programs offered by USDA.
- Fred Lomayesva reminded WEC terms of the lease allow fair charge for use of water.
- Rep. Rosa H. commented on the usefulness to inquire about USDA programs on fallowing and subsidy programs with CRIT.
- Rep. Dale S. motioned to approve the OGC and outside Counsel to calculate lease and move forward and refund Mr. Mullion. Motion was seconded by Rep. Rosa H.

- The motion approved 4-0-0 Initial meeting on Feb 9, 2023 decision was to keep in contact with farmers at Cibola.
- **d.** Request for squaw dance from Marlene Thomas to be held on May 8th, 2023. Requesting for an acre. RU
- Discussion: OHL needs to survey area the requester wants before approving. Limitations/boundaries of new area need to be understood and stipulated to requester. Amount of green tree cutting is a concern. How will the windmill at requested area be protected? Also the access to area is a factor.
- Decision was made to inform MS Thomas to have dance on her Home site.
- e. Ratify action taken by Land Commission on Feb 2nd to discontinue lease with the Cibola farmers.
- Rep. Dale S. motioned to ratify the actions taken by WEC and LC on Jan 5 and Feb 2.
- 1. Terminate the lease
- 2. Terminate water use, to Swan Farms and Red River farms

#### **REPORTS:**

Lt. Marcus Yoyetewa, Interim Oversight of HLES Carrie Joseph - Director of DNR Stewart Koyiyumptewa, Manager of CPO Priscilla Pavatea – Manager of ORM:

- ORM April 3 hearing board going thru grazing permits to be before HTC by September.
- BIA 2023-2025 Land Ops HPL contract approved.
- Hearing board is having quorum issues discussion to have it open to interested people, discussion with OGC's office.
- · Cutting of fences ongoing no grass on NPL side, animals are being put on HPL side, with cold weather broken pipes have become an issue.

Edison Tutsi, Manager of OHL:

- · Green tree cutting around the Jeddito area
- With weather conditions monitors are not going off road
- Land assignments have slowed down mainly because paper work not complete.
- Project review committee-March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at DAT's conference room. Discussion will be on financial guidelines will be coming before HTC.

Darren Talayumptewa, Manager of WEMP:

- WEMP's Chart of accounts are in place. The amount of funds in account is not what was anticipated.
- Because of lower than expected funds WEMP will not hiring most positions for 2023
- · Game biologist
- wildlife tech (4)
- forestry tech (2)
- Wetlands Coordinator

# HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL— March 1, 2023 Agenda

#### X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion and possible action: Letter dated March 31, 2022 Re: Village of Shungopavi's request for information regarding land lease, including ownership of the property comprising the Hopi Cultural Center. Craig Andrews, Vice Chairman, The Hopi Tribe. **Tabled**
- 2. Discussion and possible action: Letter dated by September 19, 2022 RE: Survey conducted by Hopi Elections Office from Dale Sinquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages. Tabled 3. Action Item #090-2022: Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona and the Hopi Tribe. Author Donovan Gomez, Transit Administrator, Hopi Senom Transit. Tabled
- 4. Action Item #093-2022: To amend the Rules of Order for the Hopi Tribal Council to provide a streamlined process of the Tribal Council parliamentary procedures that will be followed during meetings of the Tribal Council. Author Marilyn Fredericks, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi. Tabled \*\*Time Certain, Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 1pm

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Action Item #021-2023: Walpi Housing Management Agreement. Author Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel
- 2. Action Item #026-2023: Approval of

- the final draft of the "Hopi Reservation Forest Management Plan." Author Carl Seweyestewa, Forester, Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program
- 3. Action Item #028-2023: To amend the Procurement Policy to provide flexibility for the Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee to utilize the American Rescue Plan Act Funds Author Mark Talayumptewa, Chairman, Hopi **Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee** 4. Action Item #030-2023: The Hopi Tribe supports the protection of more than eight million acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management in the State of Utah as Wilderness through the passage of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act. Author Stewart B. Koyiyumptewa, Director, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office.

#### \*\*Time Certain Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 9a.m.

5. Action Item #031-2023: To approve Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee Bylaws. Author Mark Talayumptewa, Author Mark Talayumptewa, Chairman, Hopi **Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee** 

#### \*\*Time Certain Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 9am

6. Action Item #32-2023: Business Lease between the Hopi Tribe, FMCV and the AZDepartment of Public Safety for DPS Communication Tower for Public Safety. Author Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Real Estate Services

7. Action Item #033-2023: To approve Ordi- XII. REPORTS nance 15 (Amended) establishing the Housing Authority by Hopi Tribal Council. Author AT Singuah, HTHA Board Chairperson 8. Discussion & Possible Action: Letter dated September 2, 2022 from Ronald Honahni, Governor, Upper Village of Moenkopi; RE: Request to Explore Gam ing in the Upper Village of Moenkopi. Leroy Sumatzkuku, Tribal Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi. **Referred to Hopi Gaming Committee** 

9. Letter dated November 29, 2022 from Bernalda Poleahla-Navasie; RE: Letter of Interest for vacant Regular member position and Alternate position on the Hopi Election Board. Dwayne Secakuku, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi. Interview \*\*Time Certain, Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 1 pm

10. Letter dated December 8, 2022 from Rachel Hood, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Deputy Political Director, Arizona Democratic Party; RE: Update on election. Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative,

Village of Sipaulovi \*\*Time Certain, Monday, March 20, 2023 at 9am 11. Letter dated December 16, 2022 from

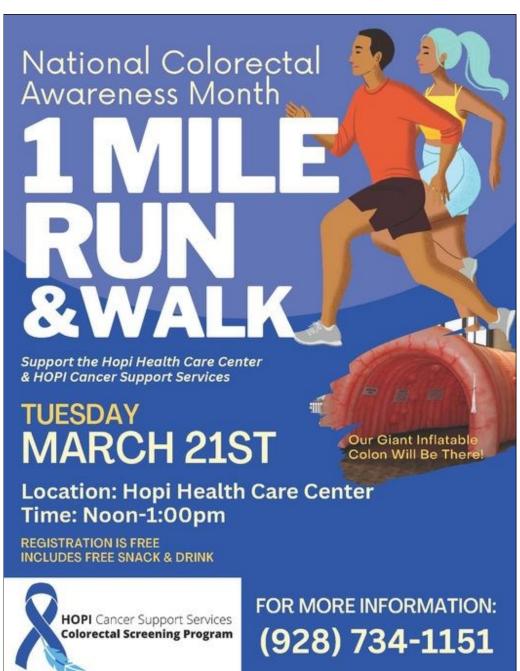
Ivan Sidney, Village Administrator, First Mesa Consolidated Villages; RE: Contact Information for First Mesa Consolidated Villages. Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Rep, Village of Sipaulovi

- 1. Office of the Chairman
  - 2. Office of the Vice Chairman
- 3. Office of Tribal Secretary
- 4. Office of the Treasurer Wells Fargo Bank Report, Mr. Greg Heap, Relationship Manager and Mr. Tyler Taygrien, Vice President, Investment Services. \*\*Tim Certain, Monday, March 20, 2023 at

#### 9:15 a.m. 5. Office of the General Counsel

- 6. Land Commission
- 7. Water/Energy Committee 8. Transportation Committee
- 9. Law & Order Committee
- 10. Investment Committee a. Moencopi Developers Corporation b. Walpi Housing **Management Agreement Communications** c. Updating of the Hopi Tribe's Investment Policy d. Status of Moenkopi Developers Corporation Hopi Loan
- 11. Health/Education Committee 12. Pandemic Recovery Committee-Narrative written programmatic report and financial status regarding the recovery efforts undertaken utilizing said funds. Wallace Youvella, Jr., Tribal Council Representa-
- tive, First Mesa Consolidated Villages. 13. Tawa'ovi Investigation Report by R. Gehl Tucker as requested in Hopi Tribal Council Resolution. \*\*Time Certain, Thursday, March 9, 2023, 9 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT





10 AM - 2 PM
Hopi Health Care Center
Main Lobby

All community members are invited to attend!

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You may also qualify for a one-time device discount of up to \$100, to buy a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

#### **Do I Qualify?**

**To apply, visit** <u>AffordableConnectivity.gov</u> or call 1-877-384-2575 to request an application. Once your application is approved, you can contact a <u>participating internet service provider</u> to start receiving your monthly discount. Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household.

**Research** suggests increased broadband Internet access is associated with improved health outcomes. Broadband makes it easier for people to take advantage of information on **Medicare.gov**, like comparing the quality of nursing homes and hospitals, or finding the health plan that's best for you.

•Mr. Alban Naha, Interim Superintendent/JHS Principal

·Mrs. Lynn Fredericks, HS Principal

#### March 6, 2023

To: Parents/Guardians of Hopi High School Students

From: Alban Naha, Interim Superintendent/Junior High School Principal 🛭 🖊 🖳

Subject: Addressing Recent Inclement Weather and School Delays/Closures

We have had an exciting winter season! The snow has been a welcome necessity for our community. The purpose of this communication is to provide students and families of Hopi Jr./Sr. High School (HJSHS) with information regarding changes to school schedules and plans to make-up missed instructional time.

Every school year, HJSHS develops a school calendar to meet the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). It requires schools provide a minimum number of instructional hours in order to maintain a full-time certification. For Grades 9-12, the minimum number of hours to meet the CFR is 970. For junior high it is 900 hours.

Even with the winter weather delays and closures, the school is still above the set criteria of CFR hours. However, the school has lost approximately 30 instructional hours from our original school year calendar.

In order to gain back some of the lost instructional time, the HJSHS Administration has decided to extend some upcoming half days and take advantage of the Emergency Make Up Day in April. The following dates are now changed:

- . Thursday, March 9, 2023 Designated Half-Day Now Changed to Full Day of Instruction.
- Wednesday, March 22, 2023 Designated Half-Day Now Changed to Full Day of Instruction.
- Friday, April 7, 2023 Emergency Make Up Day Utilized. Full Day of Instruction.
- Wednesday, April 12, 2023 Designated Half-Day Now Changed to Full Day of Instruction.
- Wednesday, April 26, 2023 Designated Half-Day Now Changed to Full Day of Instruction.

In the event of further cancellations beyond this point on the school year, HJSHS will evaluate converting other designated half days to full days. If deemed necessary, HJSHS could extended the school year further into May. That step would only occur if we experience several more school cancellations.

If additional changes or modifications take place, HJSHS will provide further updates as needed. We appreciate your continued support.





#### Yearbook Challenge IS ON!!!

- -Yearbooks will be free to all students who are on point with attendance, coming to school daily.
- -Minimum of a 90% attendance rate earns you a free yearbook.
- -Attendance time frame will be 2/27/23-5/19/23 or (55 days).
- -Attendance makes a difference. Make it to school!!



### **HJSHS Spring Break, March 13 - March 17**

HJSHS Spring Break begins Monday, March 13 to Friday, March 17. There will be no school throughout the week for students and academic staff. School resumes Monday, March 20. Enjoy your Spring Break and

The HJSHS offices will be open throughout Spring Break. Office staff availability will vary and very limited the 2nd half of the week because several individuals will be away for a board work session.

# 2023 Hopi High School **Baseball/Softball Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	Location	<u>Time</u>	
Tue. 2/21	Joseph City (Scrimmage)	Joseph City	BB – 3:00 pm SB – 3:00 pm	
Thu. 3/9	Joseph City Baseball/Softball Invite	Joseph City/Holbrook	BB – TBD	
Fri. 3/10	Joseph City Baseball/Softball Invite	Joseph City/Holbrook	SB – TBD BB – TBD SB – TBD	
Sat. 3/11	Joseph City Baseball/Softball Invite	Joseph City/Holbrook	BB – TBD SB – TBD	
Mon. 3/20	Tuba City (Double Header)	Hopi	BB - 1:00 & 3:00 pm SB - 1:00 & 3:00 pm	
Thu. 3/23	Many Farms* (Double Header)	Many Farms	BB - 12:00 & 2:00 pm SB - 12:00 & 2:00 pm	
Mon. 3/27	Window Rock (Double Header)	Window Rock	BB - 12:00 & 2:00 pm SB - 12:00 & 2:00 pm	
Sat. 4/1	Hopi Baseball/Softball Invite	Норі	BB – TBD SB – TBD	
Mon. 4/3	St. Johns*	St. Johns	BB - 3:30 pm SB - 3:30 pm	
Fri. 4/7	Valley*	Valley	BB - 12:00 & 2:00 pm SB - 12:00 & 2:00 pm	
Mon. 4/10	Red Mesa (Double Header)	Норі	BB - 1:00 & 3:00 pm SB - 1:00 & 3:00 pm	
Thu. 4/13	Pinon* (Double Header)	Норі	BB - 1:00 & 3:00 pm SB - 1:00 & 3:00 pm	
Mon. 4/17	Round Valley*	Hopi	BB - 3:30 pm SB - 3:30 pm	
Fri. 4/21	Greyhills* (Double Header)	Норі	BB - 1:00 & 3:00 pm SB - 1:00 & 3:00 pm	
Mon. 4/24	Ganado (Double Header)	Норі	BB - 1:00 & 3:00 pm SB - 1:00 & 3:00 pm	
Wed. 4/26 Wed. 4/26	2A Baseball State Play-In Game 2A Softball State Play-In Game	High Seed High Seed	SB – 4:00 pm BB – 4:00 pm	
Sat. 4/29	State Softball Tourney - 1st Round	High Seed	SB - 11:00 am	
Fri. 5/5	State Baseball Tourney – 1st Round State Softball Tourney – Quarterfinals	Goodyear B.C. Phoenix (Papago S.C.)	BB – TBD SB – 5:00 pm	
Sat. 5/6	State Baseball Tourney - Quarterfinals	Goodyear B.C.	BB -TBD	
Fri. 5/12	State Softball Tourney – Semifinals State Baseball Tourney – Semifinals State Softball Tourney – Finals	Phoenix (Papago S.C.) Goodyear B.C. Tempe (ASU-Farrington)	SB – 4:00 pm BB –TBD SB –8:00 pm	
Sat. 5/13	State Baseball Tourney - Finals	Tempe Diablo Stadium	BB -TBD	
* Designates a 2A North Region Contest (If a Double Header, only the 1st Game is a Region Contest)				

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Note: All Times are Mountain Standard Time (No Daylight Savings)

Meets, dates, and times are subject to change. HJSHS will provide notification of any changes via our website, Facebook pages, local radio stations, and our mass messaging system.

# 2023 Hopi Jr. High School **Track & Field Schedule**

Date	Event	Location	Times
Sat. 4/1	Chinle Invite	Chinle	9:00 am
Sat. 4/8	KMS April Fools Invite	Kayenta	11:00 am
Sat. 4/15	KMS Runnin' Colts Invite	Kayenta	11:00 am
Wed. 4/19	Page Invite	Page	1:00 pm
Sat. 4/22	TCBS Thunderbird Invite	Tuba City	9:00 am
Sat. 4/29	NAIC Finals hosted by Kayenta M.S.	Kayenta	11:00 am

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# 2023 Hopi High School **Track Schedule**

Date	Event	Location	Times
Fri. 3/3	Round Valley Indoor Invite	Round Valley H.S.	10:00 a.m.
Tue. 3/7	Monument Valley Early Bird Meet	Monument Valley H.S.	12:00 p.m
Fri. 3/24	Chandler Rotary Invite	Chandler H.S.	9:00 a.m.
Fri. 3/31	Joseph City Invite	Joseph City H.S.	10:30 a.m.
Thu. 4/6	Scottsdale Distance Classic	Saguaro H.S.	6:00 p.m.
Fri. 4/14	Cougar Invite	Show Low H.S.	10:00 a.m
Fri. 4/21	Winslow Invite	Winslow H.S.	10:30 a.m
Fri. 4/28	Snowflake Last Chance Meet	Snowflake H.S.	9:00 a.m.
Fri. 5/5 Sat. 5/6	State-Div. V State Meet-Day 1 State-Div. V State Meet-Day 2	Red Mountain H.S. Red Mountain H.S.	1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.
Fri. 5/12 Sat. 5/13	Open State Meet-Day 1 Open State Meet-Day 2	Mesa Community College Mesa Community College	1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.

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### **GO BRUINS**

# 2023 Hopi Jr. High School **Baseball/Softball Schedule**

Mon. 4/3	Tschootsooi*	Tschootsooi	VBb-2:00, JVBb-4:00 pm VSb-2:00, JVSb-4:00 pm
Wed. 4/5	Sanders*	Норі	VBb-4:00, JVBb-5:30 pm VSb-4:00, JVSb-5:30 pm
Sat. 4/8	Page Invite (Varsity Only)	Page (age Sports Complex)	VBb-TBD VSb-TBD
Wed. 4/12	St. Michael*	St. Michael office of Dine Youth Complex)	VBb-1:00, JVBb-3:00 pm VSb-1:00, JVSb-3:00 pm
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Wed. 4/19	Ganado*	Hopi	VBb-4:00, JVBb-5:30 pm VSb-4:00, JVSb-5:30 pm
Mon. 4/24	Pinon*	Pinon	VBb-2:00, JVBb-3:30 pm VSb-2:00, JVSb-3:30 pm
Fri. 4/29	Tuba City Jr. High	Tuba City	VBb-3:00, JVBb-4:30 pm VSb-3:00, JVSb-4:30 pm
Mon. 5/1	Page	Норі	VBb-4:00, JVBb-5:30 pm VSb-4:00, JVSb-5:30 pm
Wed. 5/3	NAIC Pod Play	Chinle or Tuba City	VBb-TBD VSb-TBD
Wed. 5/10	NAIC Finals	Page	VBb-TBD VSb-TBD

Date

Opponent

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# **SOBER LIVING HOME SCAM** TARGETING NATIVE **AMERICANS**

Be extremely cautious about getting into vehicles with individuals you do not know!

Ask questions and obtain as many details as possible, including the company name and address, name of individual, facility address, whether the facility is licensed, vehicle license plate number (if applicable), and date and location of contact.

#### **MORE INFO**

If you have knowledge that someone has been targeted, please contact: Hopi Law Enforcement Services: 928-734-7340 (office) or 928-497-1493 (cell) or Phoenix FBI at 623-466-1999.

# **Recognize Four Basic Signs** of a Social Security Scam

- 1. Scammers **pretend** to be a familiar organization or agency, like the Social Security Administration. They may email attachments with official-looking logos, seals, signatures, or pictures of employee credentials.
- 2. Scammers mention a **problem** or a prize. They may say your Social Security number was involved in a crime or ask for personal information to process a benefit increase.
- 3. Scammers **pressure** you to act immediately. They may threaten you with arrest or legal action. 4. Scammers tell you to pay using a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire or money transfer, or by mailing cash. They may also tell you to transfer your money to a "safe" account.

Ignore scammers and report criminal behavior. Report Social Security-related scams to the SSA Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

Visit <u>www.ssa.gov/scam</u> for more information and follow SSA OIG on Facebook, Twitter, and <u>LinkedIn</u> to stay up to date on the latest scam tactics. Repost #SlamtheScam information on social media to keep your friends and family safe.

#### **Daylight** Saving **Time** Here's why Arizona doesn't adjust its clocks

As every other U.S. state springs forward with the start of daylight saving time in March 2023, Hawaii and most of Arizona will remain havens where residents don't have to change the clocks on every appliance, vehicle and electronic device they own.

Arizona, with the exception of the Navajo Nation, which spans Arizona, Utah and New Mexico, has not observed DST for the last 50 years, after decades of going on and off daylight-saving measures implemented during wars.

According to the Pima County Public Library, "Arizona ... went on Daylight Saving Time on April 30, 1967, for the first time since World War II. Daylight Saving Time was rejected by the Arizona legislature in 1968."

#### When does daylight saving time 2023 start?

At 2 a.m. Sunday, March 12, 2023, most of the U.S. will move forward one hour to 3 a.m. Most of Arizona, as well as Hawaii, will remain as they were.

#### When does daylight saving time 2023 end?

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of November each year. Clocks will fall back one hour to 1 a.m. In 2023, that is Sunday, Nov. 5



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9	5/3/2023	5/9/2023
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# **FMCV** Water **Operations**

Telephone Lines are open for Debit / Credit Card Water Payments from 9am to 4pm Monday-Friday 928-737-2670

> Money Orders may be mailed to:

**FMCV** PO Box 260 Polacca, AZ 86042

OR, placed in Drop Box located next to the door from 8am to 5pm Monday-Friday

No Cash Payments will be Accepted

# First Mesa Consolidated Villages Tribal Council **Representatives Report Card**

FMCV Tribal Council Representatives are required to make Monthly Reports and Updates to the First Mesa Community. However, due to past gathering restrictions, Reports are published in the Village Crier. Below is a recap of reports submitted by your Representatives, beginning January 1, 2021 to Present.

2023 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney Admin	Albert Sinquah	Dale Sinquah	Wallace Youvella Jr
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Hopi Jr. High School Varsity Boys coached by Lowell Talashoma



# **Hopi Junior High School Bruin Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball Teams End their Season at the NAIC Tournament in Monument Valley**

Louella N. Furcap, the Village Crier Editor **First Mesa Consolidated Villages** 

The Northern Arizona Interscholastic Conference (NAIC) Jr. High Athletic League ended their basketball season with a Championship Tournament at Monument Valley High School on Saturday, March 4, 2023.

The Hopi Jr. High Varsity Boys' Basketball Team, coached by Lowell Talashoma (R-top row), lost a hard fought, defensive game in the semifinal round to Ganado Middle School with a score of 27-15.

The Jr. High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team, coached by Brandon Nahsonhoya (L-top row) and Jenny N (R-top row), also lost a hard fought game to the Tuba City Boarding School Thunderbirds, in the second round of the tournament, with a score of 38-32.

This concluded the Hopi Jr. High Varsity Boys and Girls season. It was fun watching and cheering for all our Hopi basketball teams throughout the basketball season. We look forward to another great and exciting basketball season, next year.

# GO BRUINS!!



**WORKSHOP AT NAU** 

June 25th - July 1st 2023

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY



